of the indicia by a user pressing the transparent membrane over the indicia of the smartcard; and

wherein said controlling program comprises:

means for initiating a session of an application when a firs of the smartcards associated with the application is inserted into said reader;

means for maintaining said session active when the first smartcard is removed from said reader and a second of said smartcards associated with said first smartcard si to be inserted into said reader; and

means for performing said associated action corresponding to the transmitted data.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-82 are now pending, Claims 81 and 82 having been added to assure Applicants of a full measure of protection of the scope to which they deem themselves entitled.

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